

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday



On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sister Lucille renewed her vows.
Thank you, Sister Lucille, for 68 years in service to God!

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English
Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am in English,
12:30pm in Spanish
Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm
Visit our website for Holy Day and special Mass times.

Pupusa Sale - August 27

On Sunday, August 27 our Salvadoran community will be selling pupusas after Masses. A pupusa is a traditional Salvadoran dish made of a thick, handmade corn tortilla that is usually filled with variations of cheese, pork, and refried beans. There will be samples to try so you can purchase your favorite variety. The cost will be \$2 each and you can purchase them to go. All funds collected will be used to fund our annual celebration in honor of Blessed Oscar Romero.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for August 28—September 1, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Schaefer Family
Wed.	8am	†Roberta Paddock
Thurs.	8am	†Roger Storm
Fri.	8am	†Charlie Arnold

Saturday, September 2, 2017

4:00pm Intentions of the Altar Society

Sunday, September 3, 2017

8:00am	†Audrey Reichert
	†Christine Johnson
10:30am	†Frank Calovich
	Intentions of the Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Efren Mauro
	†Ercilia Dubon

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†**Georgia "Ann" Woodard**, mother of Gennifer Armstrong and Shannon Degrasse



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, August 27 - Domingo, 27 de Agosto

Pupusa Sale

10:00am Talleres de Oración y Vida

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, August 28 - Lunes, 28 de Agosto

10:00am Uplift Cooking

4:00pm Uplift

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 29 - Martes, 29 de Agosto

St. Sabina Feast Day

7:00am Youth Prayer Group

7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua

7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, August 30 - Miércoles, 30 de Agosto

9:00am Legion of Mary

6:00pm Living Stones Reunion

Thursday, August 31 - Jueves, 31 de Agosto

9:30am Quilters

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 Group)

Friday, September 1 - Viernes, 1 de Septiembre

8:30am First Friday Adoration

Saturday, September 2 - Sábado, 2 de Septiembre

3:00pm Confessions

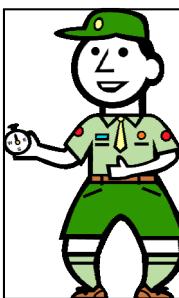
Sunday, September 3 - Domingo, 3 de Septiembre

10:00am Talleres de Oración y Vida

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Discover the South Pacific with Fr. Jeff

Travel to the South Pacific with Fr. Jeff where you will get to see the Great Barrier Reef, the Sydney Opera House, Auckland and Milford Sound, New Zealand, and more. Information packets are available in the gathering space.



Boy Scouts

Do you have a son or a grandson, first grade or older, that would be interested in getting involved in scouting? Contact Rodney Stoverink (rstoverink@gmail.com or 816-729-6945) or Corey Pointer (coreypointer@att.net or 816-719-1108) for information!

Parents Lounge

The Parents Lounge will be meeting again on Sundays once PSR starts up September 17th. We would like to welcome you and hope you can join us. We meet at 9am, during the PSR hour in the education wing. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and families of the parish. This ministry is just a couple years old but is slowly growing with new members, and we look forward to seeing where God leads us as a group this year.

Parents Lounge at St. Sabina is where we just gather together and talk. In past years we have had planned topics for discussion on occasion, but typically it is just informal discussion on anything from parenting subjects, kids' school events, vacation destinations, family events, local activities, etc. There is no long term commitment. Parents Lounge is a come as you want type meeting. Different events we have been involved in are: Trunk or Treat, Stuff the Turkey, family oriented Stations of the Cross during Lent, and summer activities such as bowling. Don't have any kids in PSR yet?? That's okay! Younger children are welcome to come. We have some toys and coloring books for the children to play together. Feel free to contact Anita Frey with questions. 816-804-3127 or afreyhome@sbcglobal.net



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Parish Happenings



We welcome some of the newest members of our parish family, baptized last weekend: Axel Hugo, Coen Michael, and Xerxes Leonardo. Congratulations to them and their families!



Last weekend we blessed all of the students and teachers in our parish, as they begin another school year.

Stewardship

"Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter said in reply, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" Matthew 16:13-16

In the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew Jesus poses a question to His Apostles: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Of course, using the phrase the Son of Man He is referring to Himself. Jesus did not ask this because of any unawareness on His part. He is not conducting a poll. He asks His followers this because He wants them to know Who He is. Each of us in our own way answers this question every day. Our answer is found in what we do and what we believe. If we truly believe that Jesus is Who He says He is, it should affect the way we live. Our lives should humbly make every effort to emulate Him. Peter has been known to say the wrong thing at the wrong time, but in this instance when Jesus makes it clear that He wants to know who the Apostles think He is, Peter answers definitively (and correctly) "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus is pleased that His disciples are coming to know Who He is in truth. He commends Peter, but then He respectfully says, "to tell no one that He is the Christ." We do not receive that same admonition; our roles are to spread the Good News and as disciples of the Lord live our lives in such a way that it is clear Who He is. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for August 20

August 20th contributions will be listed in the September 3rd bulletin.

Online Giving

St. Sabina offers an online giving option for parishioners and visitors. This is an easy, safe and secure way to make contributions online. To set up a one-time or recurring contribution: go to our parish website at www.stsabinaparish.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Recycle your household hazardous waste 8am-noon Sept. 9 at Eagle Glen Intermediate School <http://www.recyclespot.org/HHW/Mobile-Events.aspx>

Giving from Your IRA

Giving from one's IRA account is one of the smartest ways to make a real impact for your parish. In late 2015, Congress made this method permanent:

* **What You Can Give.** Contributions from traditional IRAs.

* **Age Requirement.** You must be 70 1/2 years old or older when the distribution is made.

* **Directly to the Charity.** Distributions must be made directly from your IRA account to charity. Use the diocesan Request Form.

* **Professional Advice.** Please consult with your tax or legal professional.

Who benefits from this type of giving?

* Individuals who take required minimum withdrawals and want to avoid paying tax on the distribution. Give your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to a qualified charity without having to report it as taxable income. Contact your IRA administrator to learn the amount of your RMD.

* Taxpayers who don't itemize their deductions. An IRA charitable transfer most benefits the nearly two-thirds of Americans who do not itemize deductions on their tax returns and therefore do not receive a tax benefit for giving to charity.

* Itemizing taxpayers who've reached the charitable giving limit. Donors who itemize their taxes are prohibited from deducting more than 50 percent of their adjusted gross income as charitable donations. Donations from an IRA are excluded from this percentage limit, allowing individuals who have reached the 50 percent threshold to give more.

To learn more, please contact Laura Gray at 816-714-2363 or gray@diocesekcsj.org.

One Year of Our Community Garden

The Community Garden started in August 2016. In a year, we have donated over 300lbs of food. Please help us to continue and grow this ministry at 9am Wednesday and Saturday mornings.



Christmas in October—Oct 14

Please save the date for our Christmas in October workday this year on Saturday, October 14th. We will need lots of volunteers, and especially house captains, so that we can help many people this year. Volunteer sign-ups coming soon.



Area Information

St. Bernadette Annual Fall Festival 5-9 pm, Sat

Sept 9. A great night of Fun, Food and Fellowship. Bar-B-Que Dinner, Beer Garden, Cash and Item Raffles, Bingo, Cake Walk, Kids Games and live music by Harvest Moon. Come join us at the 4 pm Mass and stay for the festivities. A special shout out to St. Bernadette alumni. For further information call (816) 356-3700.

St. Bernadette Church, 9020 E 51 Terr, Kansas City, MO 64133.

Bow Ties for Babies Have you or do you know someone who may be pregnant and know their baby will die during pregnancy or soon after birth due to an adverse prenatal diagnosis, or has a newborn and has received a terminal diagnosis? Or are you a family who has experienced an unexpected loss of a child due to miscarriage, fetal demise, stillbirth, SIDS, or any cause? There is a place in Kansas City known as Alexandra's House and offers healing and support for parents and families, free of charge, during pregnancy and after the death of a child. To help support this nonprofit and its services, the Friends of Alexandra's House hosts a gala called Bow Ties for Babies. This year's event will be held on October 13 at the Grand Street Plaza with a silent and live auction and dinner. Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information visit bowtiesforbabies.com or call 816-931-5378. Also visit www.alexandraphouse.com to learn more about this special ministry.

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" Peer-To-Peer Grief

Support "COPING WITH LIFE ALONE ®" is a *Beginning Experience* ® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES AND LOCATIONS: Kansas City, MO – beginning September 17, and will run for 7 consecutive Sundays, at St Patrick Parish, 1357 NE 42nd Terrace, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 2-4pm.

A Streetcar for Scholarships: The Kansas City Alumni Council of the University of Saint Mary is sponsoring its fall fundraiser to benefit USM student scholarships on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Hardwick Law Offices, 2405 Grand Ave., Suite 800, Kansas City, MO 64106. Join in a scavenger hunt to identify architecture and restaurant sites along the free Kansas City streetcar line, ride just for fun, and/or socialize at the law office. Hearty appetizers and refreshments and prizes for top 3 scavenger hunters. For more information and to RSVP, contact Penny Lonergan at plonergan@kc.rr.com (913-651-5265) or RSVP at www.stmary.edu/KCCouncil no later than September 10th. Suggested minimum donation \$30.00.

happy birthday

Melissa Adams	Catherine Gates	Nicole Mackay
Javier Aguirre	Kay Glaser	Riley McCrackin
Isabella Alonso	Yessenia Gonzalez	Gene McEwen
Alejandro Andrade	Adaluz Gonzalez	Cathy Meiners
Samuel Angel	Paulina Gracida	Jose Mejia
Juana Arroyo	Jacob Gudenkauf	Isabel Mendez
Lawrence Barberis	Dylan Hadley	Camrie Minkler
Bev Bell	Jennifer Halbhuber	Eduardo Nunez
Aiden Bittiker	Marissa Hinojos	Andres Orozco
Blanca Bonilla	Eduardo Hinojos	Sonia Park
Sr. Lucille Buhl	Lori Hoy	Rowan Putman
Luis Caldera	Alexia Jaime	Kelly Ranes
Kevin Canchola	Darlene Jennings	John Ranes
Daniel Capper	Dwayne Katzer	Amanda Rickard
Jesus Chavez	Dallas Keaton	Cesar Rodriguez
Donald Cummings	Dorothy Knoll	Jimmy Rosales
Cheryl Dennis	Eric Knoll	Brandon Salinas
Addison Earhart	Jesus Lagunes	Flor Salinas
Herman Escobar	Jose Lagunes	Ronnie Sandoval
Anna Ewbank	Daniel Landaverde	Jerome Scego
Raul Felix	Tamera Lehner	Robert Squires
Yasmin Flores	Justin Lingenfeller	Jerry Stella
Jerry Folz	Jim Loosen	Ximena Valdez
Rose Foster	Jose Lopez	Hortensia Vazquez
Maynor Gallardo	Juan Lopez	Brianna Velez
Jesus Garcia	Alyson Lopez	Gerardo Venzor
Oscar Garcia	Esmeralda Lopez	
Debra Garcia	Shelbi Lynn	

Happy Anniversary

Faitce and Lucille Swafford	59 Years!	8/30/1958
Gene and Jan Adams	55 Years!	9/1/1962
Bob and Mary Kottenbrock	54 Years!	8/31/1963
Robert and Christine Morris	44 Years!	9/2/1973
Monte and Pamela Crosby	36 Years!	8/29/1981
Tim and Jean Hanover	33 Years!	8/31/1984
Jay and Beverly Renfro	26 Years!	9/1/1991
Chris and Christine Figge	21 Years!	8/31/1996
Gary and Kristi Schumacher	17 Years!	9/2/2000
Fredric and Megan Loveless	16 Years!	9/1/2001
Polo Gonzalez and Belem Cardenas Camacho	8 Years!	8/29/2009
Lonnie and Patricia Schieszer	3 Years!	8/29/2014
Jeff and Brooke Sveum	2 Years!	8/29/2015



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Aug 30	8:00am	5th Wednesday at St. Sabina
Sept 6	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Sept 13	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore

Register Now for our St. Sabina "Adult Grief Recovery Group"

We are currently taking registrations for our six week Adult Grief Recovery Group. This group will begin on Monday, September 18 from 6:30-8pm and meets for six consecutive weeks. The group encourages you to "put words to your grief" in a safe, non-judgmental place. Confidentiality is expected. You do not have to be a parishioner to participate, friends and family members are welcome. **Advanced registration required.** To register or for more information contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or by email at marta@stsabinaparish.org. **Registration deadline Monday, September 11.**

Remembering the person I have loved
allows me to slowly heal.

Healing does not mean I will forget.
Actually, it means I **will** remember.
Gently, I **will** move forward,
never forgetting my past.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew	Luis Franco	Rick Orey
Bill Aldridge	Emily Frezza	Thelma Palmer
Armando Alarcon	Dick Garnier	Dee Raya
Diane Atchison	June Glunt	Patricia Rellihan
Marilyn Avalos	Karen Grantham	Ann Ryan
Polleth Bautista	Laverne Harlow	Yvonne Salmon
Nikki Barrett	Amber Hartenbower	Jo Ann Shrout
Pauline Bellm	Bonnie Haskins	Shelline Smoot
John Bidondo	Cherie Hatfield	Larry Spencer
Fran Birkner	Bob Heffernan	Marie Stinger
Jim Carol	Bart Henke	Jim Storm
Teresa Carol	Rhonda Henke	Leo Storm
Nancy Christian	Pam Kelleher	Mary Jane Storm
Steve Circo	Mary Carol King	Jean Tate
Anna Clark	Donna Kozar	Ruth Tayler
Kristen Conner	John Lally	Angel Thomas
Helen Cook	Susan Lewis	Bruce Thompson
Joseph Coots	Beverly Little	Priscilla Tristani
Paul DeMar	Bill Locke	Eduardo Vasquez
Nolan Dickerson	Debbie Locke	Sunny Vigil
Frances DiGeorge	Jo Locke	Mary Westfall
Argentina Meza Dubon	Denise Mehlo	Marie Wilburn
Carol Eckford	Leonard Meiron	Jeannette Woolworth
Terry Eppert	Harry Muench	Merle Woolworth
Joan Feeback	Joan Muench	Carmitia Yust
Butch Ford	Bella Nouryeh	Pablo Zayas
Larry Foster	Jane Nouryeh	

Wellness Center

Did You Know poor time management can cause a lot of stress? When you're stretched too thin and running behind, it's hard to stay calm and focused. Plus, you'll be tempted to avoid or cut back on all the healthy things you should be doing to keep stress in check, like socializing and getting enough sleep. The good news: there are things you can do to achieve a healthier work-life balance. Here are a few tips to help manage your calendar.

☒Don't over-commit yourself. Avoid scheduling things back-to-back or trying to fit too much into one day. All too often, we underestimate how long things will take.

☒Prioritize tasks. Make a list of tasks you have to do, and tackle them in order of importance. Do the high-priority items first. If you have something particularly unpleasant or stressful to do, get it over with early. The rest of your day will be more pleasant as a result.

☒Break projects into small steps. If a large project seems overwhelming, make a step-by-step plan. Focus on one manageable step at a time, rather than taking on everything at once.

☒Delegate responsibility. You don't have to do it all yourself, whether at home, school, or on the job. If other people can take care of the task, why not let them? Let go of the desire to control or oversee every little step. You'll be letting go of unnecessary stress in the process.

And finally, one of the most important things you can schedule in your day is 10 minutes to do nothing. This ensures that you can keep on going for the long haul and that you don't burn yourself out.

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Circuit Training 6-7pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Restorative Yoga 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm ReFit® 6-7pm



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, please contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. **Our next cooking date is Monday, August 28th.**

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. **Our next date is September 21st, 6-8pm.** If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. **Our next volunteer date is September 20th.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

High School Youth and College Youth!

The National Catholic Youth Conference is coming soon, November 16th-19th! We will be registering youth to go on this amazing trip to Indianapolis until September 18th. Contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office to get an information and registration packet!

Parish School of Religion!

We are now accepting registrations for PSR. Registration forms can be picked up in the gathering space or found on the parish website. Classes will begin September 17th. Children entering 2nd grade are eligible for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year and youth entering 10th grade or older are eligible for the sacrament of Confirmation. Information packets about the sacraments will be sent upon receipt of registration. We look forward to sharing your children's faith journey this school year!

Substitute Teachers Needed!

If anyone is available to occasionally help out in a PSR classroom, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office. All volunteers must meet the Diocesan requirements to work with children.



Reflection on the Readings

Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us today that God's judgments are "inscrutable" and God's ways are "unsearchable." This excellent reminder should make us most cautious in making judgments about what God would say or do. *As humans, we are very limited in our perspectives and must strive constantly to see things from God's perspective. Christians have Jesus as the one who models God's desires and intentions.* Jesus often challenges us in our way of thinking and doing things, asking us to align ourselves to God's way of thinking and doing.

Today's gospel reading from Matthew, Peter's confession of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God," and Jesus' response to Peter, provides us with an excellent opportunity to get in touch with God's mind set. *Linked to the first reading from Isaiah, the gospel gives us lessons in how God understands authority, power and leadership.*

From Isaiah we learn that Shebna is being removed from his position of power and authority because he was not a "father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah." Eliakim will take Shebna's position with the hope that he will be "like a peg in a sure spot," meaning that hopefully he will be dependable in being a "father" to the people. *The clear implication is that those in authority are to be caring and concerned for the needs of all. Leaders must act justly and establish right relationships with all, most especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated and the powerless.*

Matthew is the only gospel where Jesus blesses Peter for his confession of faith by establishing Peter as the rock upon which Christ will build his church, his community of followers. Jumping off the first reading, Jesus uses the image of the "keys" to the kingdom of heaven as a way of indicating Peter's authority and power among Jesus followers.

The gospel connection to the first reading communicates God's intention for anyone exercising authority. Shebna, failing in his role as a father to those in his care, had his "keys" taken away from him and given to Eliakin, who was encouraged to be a better leader than Shebna. So too

Peter and anyone in authority must be a "father" to the people, or God will take the "keys" away and give them to others who will do what God intends and desires.

In Catholicism, the "keys" of power and authority have been granted to Peter and his successors, the popes. By extension, all church leaders share in the power of the "keys." *But such authority is defined by justice, right relationship, and concern for all. This is what God intends and what Jesus models.*

All leaders, especially church leaders, are to examine themselves continually as to whether they are exercising authority attuned to God's intentions or according to their own intentions. For this, we consistently need God's help. That is why we pray the refrain from Ps 138, "Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands." *The psalm makes clear that even though highly exalted, the Lord hears the cry of the lowly, answers them in their need and restores them to strength.*

True servant leadership demands that no matter how exalted one's status or position, a leader must be attentive to the needs of all, especially the poor and lowly, and respond in any and all appropriate ways to address their needs and restore them to dignity, justice and strength. *This is thoroughly consistent with Pope Francis advice to all leaders that "shepherds are to take on the smell of the sheep."*

How does Jesus become your model whenever you exercise authority in your life?

**Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate**



Readings

Sunday, August 27

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)
2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Our next Bible Study dates are September 10th and 24th at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

En su carta a los Romanos Pablo nos recuerda hoy que los designios de Dios son "impenetrables" y que los caminos de Dios son "incomprensibles". Este excelente recordatorio nos debe hacer más prudentes al hacer juicios sobre lo que Dios diría o haría. *Como seres humanos, somos muy limitados en nuestras perspectivas y debemos luchar constantemente para ver las cosas desde la perspectiva de Dios. Los Cristianos tienen a Jesús como quien modela los deseos y las intenciones de Dios.* A menudo Jesús nos desafía en nuestra forma de pensar y hacer las cosas, pidiéndonos que nos alineemos con la manera de pensar y hacer de Dios.

La lectura del evangelio de hoy según San Mateo, la confesión de Pedro de que Jesús es "el Mesías, el Hijo del Dios vivo" y la respuesta de Jesús a Pedro, nos proporciona una excelente oportunidad para ponernos en contacto con la mentalidad de Dios. *Relacionado con la primera lectura de Isaías, el evangelio nos da lecciones sobre cómo Dios entiende la autoridad, el poder y el liderazgo.*

De Isaías nos enteramos de que Sebná está siendo despedido de su posición de poder y autoridad porque no era un "padre para los habitantes de Jerusalén y para la casa de Judá." Eleacín tomará la posición de Sebná con la esperanza de que él será "como un clavo en muro firme", lo que significa que esperamos que sea fiable en ser un "padre" para el pueblo. *La implicación clara es que los que tienen autoridad deben preocuparse por las necesidades de todos. Los líderes deben actuar con justicia y establecer relaciones correctas con todos, especialmente con los pobres, los oprimidos, los alienados y los impotentes.*

El evangelio según San Mateo es el único evangelio donde Jesús bendice a Pedro por su confesión de fe al establecer a Pedro como la roca sobre la cual Cristo construirá su iglesia, su comunidad de seguidores. Saltando de la primera lectura, Jesús usa la imagen de las "llaves" del reino de los cielos como una manera de indicar la autoridad y el poder de Pedro entre los seguidores de Jesús.

La conexión del evangelio con la primera lectura comunica la intención de Dios para cualquiera que ejerza autoridad. A Sebná, quien fracasó en su papel de padre de los que estaban a su cuidado, le quitaron sus "llaves" y se las dieron a Eleacín, quien fue alentado a ser un mejor líder que Sebná. *Así también Pedro y cualquiera en autoridad debe ser un "padre" para el pueblo, o Dios le quitará las "llaves" y se las dará a otro que hará lo que Dios quiere y desea.*

En el catolicismo, las "llaves" de poder y autoridad han sido concedidas a Pedro y a sus sucesores, los papas. Por extensión, todos los líderes de la iglesia comparten el poder de las "llaves". *Pero tal autoridad se define por la justicia, la relación correcta y la preocupación por todos. Esto es lo que Dios quiere y lo que Jesús modela.*

Todos los líderes, especialmente los líderes de la iglesia, deben examinar continuamente si están ejerciendo la autoridad en sintonía con las intenciones de Dios o de acuerdo con sus propias intenciones. Para esto, necesitamos constantemente la ayuda de Dios. Por eso oramos el estribillo del Salmo 137: "Señor, tu misericordia es eterna, no abandones la obra de tus manos". *El salmo deja claro que, aunque altamente exaltado, el Señor oye el grito de los humildes, les responde en su necesidad y los restaura a la fuerza.*

El verdadero liderazgo de los servidores exige que, no importa que tan alto sea el estatus o la posición de cada uno, un líder debe estar atento a las necesidades de todos, especialmente a los pobres y humildes, y responder de todas las maneras apropiadas para atender sus necesidades y restaurarlos a la dignidad, la justicia y la fuerza. *Esto es totalmente coherente con el consejo del Papa Francisco a todos los líderes de que "los pastores deben tomar el olor de las ovejas".*



¿Cómo se convierte Jesús en su modelo cuando ejerce autoridad en su vida?

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 27 de Agosto

Primera Lectura: Isaías 22:19-23
Salmo: Salmo 137:1a y 1c-2ab, 2cd-3, 6 y 8bc
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 11:33-36
Evangelio: Mateo 16:13-20

Lecturas del Domingo, 3 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Jeremías 20:7-9
Salmo: Salmo 62:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 12:1-2
Evangelio: Mateo 16:21-27

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¡Jóvenes de la High School y Jóvenes Universitarios!

¡La Conferencia Nacional para Jóvenes Católicos está a punto de llegar, del 16 al 19 de noviembre! Estaremos registrando a los jóvenes para ir a este viaje increíble a Indianápolis hasta el 18 de septiembre. Póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud para obtener un paquete de información y registro!

ESCUELA DE RELIGIÓN

¡Escuela de Religión!

Ya estamos aceptando registros para la Escuela de Religión. Las hojas de inscripción se encuentran en el espacio de reunión y en la página web de la parroquia. Las clases comenzarán el 17 de septiembre. Ofrecemos catequesis para niños desde el kínder hasta la high school, y los niños que ingresan al 2do grado son elegibles para los sacramentos de Reconciliación y Comunión y los jóvenes que entran al 10o grado o mayores son elegibles para el sacramento de la Confirmación. Paquetes de información sobre los sacramentos serán enviados al recibir su inscripción. ¡Esperamos compartir el viaje de fe de sus hijos este año escolar!

¡Necesitamos Maestros y Maestros Sustitutos!

Si alguien está disponible para ayudar cada semana como maestro o de vez en cuando como maestro sustituto en la Escuela de Religión, por favor póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud. 816-979-3155. Todos los voluntarios deben cumplir con los requisitos diocesanos para trabajar con niños.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph está comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es víctima de abuso sexual, ó si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la víctima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Despues de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales - 9 de Septiembre

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. Infórmese



PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las pláticas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Pláticas Matrimoniales - 9 y 16 de Septiembre

Pláticas Matrimoniales ofrecerán los sábados, 9 y 16 de Septiembre a las 10am-3pm en el cuarto de conferencia en el abajo del templo chico. Todas las parejas necesitan asistir los dos pláticas. Para mas información, llame Martina y Abelardo Arreola a 816-269-4956 o Kris a 816-979-3151.



Información

Heritage Celebration—September 23, 5pm

Share your heritage with us, as we celebrate the diversity in our parish family!

If you can help by decorating a table in the tradition of your heritage, please contact Berenice in the parish office.

816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org. There will be a prize for the best decorated table!



Celebración de Patrimonio Cultural 23 de Septiembre, 5pm

¡Comparta su cultura con nosotros, mientras celebramos la diversidad en nuestra familia parroquial!

Si puede ayudar decorando una mesa en la tradición de su patrimonio cultural, comuníquese con Berenice en la oficina parroquial. 816-979-3150 o berenice@stsabinaparish.org. ¡Habrá un premio para la mesa mejor decorada!

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**Visite nuestra página web para el horario
de Misas especiales y Días Santos.**

Venta de Pupusas - 27 de Agosto

El domingo, 27 de agosto, nuestra comunidad salvadoreña venderá pupusas después de las Misas. Una pupusa es un platillo salvadoreño tradicional hecho de una tortilla gruesa de maíz hecha a mano que normalmente se llena con variaciones de queso, cerdo y frijoles refritos. Habrá muestras para probar para que pueda comprar su variedad favorita. El costo será de \$2 cada una y se puede comprar para llevar. Todos los fondos recaudados serán utilizados para financiar nuestra celebración anual en honor al beato Oscar Romero.